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Honorable Arne Duncan
U.S. Secretary of Education
Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ)
Department of Education Building
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan:

I am pleased to submit New Jersey's amendment to the Race to the Top Phase II application. The amendment provides evidence of New Jersey's adoption of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math. The Common Core State Standards were adopted by resolution by the New Jersey State Board of education on June 16, 2010.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional evidence of New Jersey's commitment to implement its Race to the Top Education Reform Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret Schundler".

Bret Schundler
Commissioner of Education

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Enclosure



AMENDMENT TO SECTION B

Standards and Assessments
(70 total points)



(ii) STANDARDS ADOPTION PLAN -- AMENDED

On June 16, 2010, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math. The New Jersey State Board of Education Resolution follows. As noted in the application, New Jersey elicited extensive public input before the standards were finalized and voted on by the New Jersey State Board of Education. Under New Jersey's Statute NJSA 18A:7F-46, the State Board has the authority to review and update all curriculum standards for New Jersey public schools.



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Standards and Assessments

- **New Jersey State Board Resolution adopting the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Math**



Adoption
June 16, 2010

State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS IN
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has adopted rigorous Core Curriculum Content Standards and associated cumulative progress indicators which establish the basis for local curriculum and instruction for all students, the Statewide assessment system, and the evaluation of local district boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); and

WHEREAS, the standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the standards are informed by the highest, most effective models from states across the country and countries around the world, and provide teachers and parents with a common understanding of what students are expected to learn; and

WHEREAS, consistent standards will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students, regardless of where they live; and

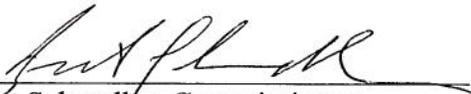
WHEREAS, these standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs; and

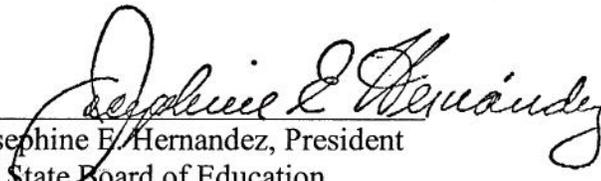
WHEREAS, the Department has elicited extensive public input through regional feedback sessions, written comments, and electronic feedback submitted through the its website; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby directs that school district curricula for all students be aligned with these revised K-12 standards in mathematics and English language arts & literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects, according to the attached timeline; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the adopted Common Core State Standards and accompanying indicators mathematics and English language arts & literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects, dated June 16, 2010, will serve as the basis for any state or local assessments deemed appropriate by the Department of Education and the State Board of Education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education commends the individuals and organizations, both within the State and beyond its borders, who have contributed to the development and revision of the Common Core State Standards.


Bret Schundler, Commissioner
Secretary, NJ State Board of Education


Josephine E. Hernandez, President
NJ State Board of Education